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SUBJECT: BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION ON NOUREDDENE MEJDOUB

REF: VIENNA 5593

1. NOUREDDENE MEJDOUB, ABOUT 43 YEARS OLD, IS HIGHLY EXPERIENCED AND CAPABLE FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICER WITH PROMISING FUTURE. HAS SERVED THREE YEARS LONDON, FOUR YEARS AS COUNSELOR TUNISIAN EMBASSY WASHINGTON, AND MOST RECENTLY THREE YEARS COUNSELOR EMBASSY PARIS (UNTIL ASSIGNMENT TO VIENNA). ALSO SERVED 1970-1971 AS DEPUTY DIRECTOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS GOT FONOFF, A KEY POSITION IN FOREIGN MINISTRY.

2. MEJDOUB HAS GOOD UNDERSTANDING OF U. S. AND U. S. FOREIGN POLICY. HAS ALWASYS BEEN FRIENDLY WITH AMERICANS. MAINTAINED CLOSE PERSONAL REALTIONS WITH AMERICAN DIPLOMATIC PERSONNEL IN LONDON, TUNIS, AND PARIS.

PLEASE CONVEY BEST WISHES AND CONGRATULATIONS OF CHARGE RELPH AND POLITICAL OFFICER MACDONALD ON MEJDOUB'S ASSIGNMENT.

3. MEJDOUB AND HIS CHARMING WIFE (OF FRENCH ORIGIN) ARE ACTIVE SOCIALLY. THEY HAVE TWO CHILDREN. ENTIRE FAMILY SPEAKS ENGLISH. CHILDREN EDUCATED IN AMERICAN

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SCHOOLS IN WASHINGTON AND FULLY ENJOYED EXPERIENCE.
MEJDOUB COMES FROM IMPORTANT TUNIS FAMILY. ONE BROTHER,
MARRIED TO AMERICAN CITIZEN, IS MANAGER OF TUNISIAN TOURIST
HOTEL IN MONASTIR. (FYI ONLY. SECOND BROTHER, ABDEL WAHAB
MEJDOUB, HAS LONG BEEN ASSOCIATED TUNISIAN LEFT WING
OPPOSITION, AND IS NOW IN EXILE IN EUROPE, AND WE SUSPECT
STILL POLITICALLY ACTIVE. THIS MIGHT OF COURSE AFFECT
NOUREDDENE MAJDOUN'S CAREER. END FYI.

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